

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi's Statement on the University of California's Proposal to Raise Student Fees by Almost 10 Percent



SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, a UC Regent, issued the following statement today on the probability the University of California will raise student fees by 9.3 percent starting in July:

"This proposed fee increase is nothing more than a \$662 a year tax increase on every student at the University of California," Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi said. "The recent budget negotiations failed to adequately fund higher education in the state of California and therefore forced a tax increase upon students. This will be the fourth year in a row tuition has been increased on UC students increasing the cost by \$1,647. In these difficult times when families are losing their homes and jobs, we must maintain the opportunity for college students to improve their lives."

"On Friday, thousands of future UC students will start receiving their acceptance letters to UC colleges. Unfortunately as a result of the recently enacted budget, 2,300 qualified high school seniors will not enter California's universities and those who do will face even higher tuition. We

have failed to invest in California's future."

Background:

The UC and CSU Systems Faced Significant Cuts in this Year's Budget...

- \$450 million was cut from the University of California's budget;
- \$283 million was cut from the California State University's budget.

The Systems Face an Enrollment Strain...

- The University of California has cut fall 2009 freshman enrollment by 2,300 students;
- The California State University has cut fall 2009 freshman enrollment by 10,000 students;
- The California Community Colleges are seeing record enrollment, but no additional resources